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FROM THE MSC DIRECTOR

My Fellow Medical Service Corps Officers,

Happy New Year on behalf of RDML Buzzetti and the Medical Service Corps Chief's Office! I truly enjoyed seeing the photos of MSCs celebrating the holidays from around the globe.

I believe in the power of reflection and in doing so I can easily say 2022 was a year we can all be proud of as a Corps. I am grateful for all you have accomplished to ensure Navy Medicine's success in 2023. This edition highlights some of the accomplishments in 2022 to include the Active and Reserve MSC Officers of the Year.

I also want to recognize those selected for Director for Administration and Officer-in-Charge milestone slate positions, as well as the four MSCs selected for Senior Executive Medicine. Congratulations to all!

Welcome home to those who served on USNS Comfort as part of Continuing Promise 2022. Your efforts increased medical readiness, strengthened partnerships, and enhanced the ability to respond to public health disasters and humanitarian crises while treating patients in Colombia, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, and Honduras.

This edition of "The Rudder" spotlights the Audiology Specialty whose specialty leader is CDR Jason Jones. A special thank you to CDR Jason Jones, LCDR Kyle Shephard, LCDR Matt Thomas, and LT Katie Litwinchuk for providing a deeper look into the development of Hearing Conservation Programs and what it means to be a Navy Audiologist.

I am looking forward to the book nominations that will be highlighted starting in the January 2023 edition of The Rudder! Thank you in ad-



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vance to those willing to share their insight on reading materials that can enhance our learning as leaders.

It is my hope that 2023 will bring each of you health, joy, and prosperity while we continue to grow stronger as a Corps. Happy New Year, Medical Service Corps!

*With respect
and admiration! M. Case*

M. CASE

Rear Admiral, Medical Service Corps

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USNS Comfort (T-AH-20). Several Medical Service Corps officers deployed in support of Continuing Promises 2023 gather on the flight deck. Pictured above, Back Row (L-R): LT Jacob Miller, EHO; LT Anthony Bah, HCA; CDR Dominic Romanowski, PA; LT Taylor Wilson, Pharmacist; LCDR Mike Connor, Clinical Psychologist; LT Jacob King, Pharmacist; LT Christopher Blais, Physical Therapist; and LT Farouk Smith, HCA. Front Row (L-R): LCDR Michael Gregory, Microbiologist; LT Saidat Ojoye, EHO; LT Valdez, Dietitian; LCDR Jacob Hasty, Medical Laboratory Scientist; LT Ayoyinka Aluko, Pharmacist; CDR Stephanie Clapper, Dietitian; LCDR Matthew Yans, Entomologist; CDR Sandeep Kumar, DFA; and CDR Joshua Keil, Optometrist.

CORPS CHIEF'S OFFICE

2022 MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

BRAVO ZULU SHIPMATES!



LT Claire Modica
Aerospace
Experimental
Psychology



LT Kathryn Litwinchuk
Audiology



LT Nicholas Nelson
Biochemistry



LT Lyndse Anderson
Clinical Psychology
Junior Category



LCDR Michael Polito
Clinical Psychology
Senior Category



LCDR Norma Shryock
Clinical Social Work



LT Lorna Brown
Dietetics/Food
Management



LT Eleanor Moen
Entomology

2022 MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

BRAVO ZULU SHIPMATES!



LT Hilary Williams
Environmental
Health Officer



LT Paul Henderson
Financial Management
Junior Category



LCDR Angela Nakkula
Financial Management
Non-MTF Category



CDR Adam Zeiler
Financial Management
Senior Category



**LT Anquanette
Sterling**
Health Care
Information Systems



LT Benjamin Coker
Health Facility
Planning & Project



CDR Cindi Palacios
Healthcare
Administrator
DFA of the Year



LT Mark Fisher
Healthcare
Administrator
Junior Category

2022 MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

BRAVO ZULU SHIPMATES!



LCDR Amber Lenfert
Healthcare Administrator
Senior Category



LT Christopher Wooden
Industrial Hygiene



LT Jesse Hernandez
Manpower &
Personnel



LT Elena Williams
Medical Logistics
Junior Category



LCDR Debbie Ball
Medical Logistics
Senior Category



LT Alsia Agey
Medical Technology
Junior Category



LCDR Michael Collins
Medical Technology
Senior Category



LT Megan Schilling
Microbiology

CORPS CHIEF'S OFFICE

2022 MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

BRAVO ZULU SHIPMATES!



LT Brooke Barnson
Naval Aerospace &
Operational Physiology



LT Kenneth Matthews
Occupational Therapy



LCDR Kevin Hoang
Optometry
Junior Category



CDR Samuel Jarvis
Optometry
Senior Category



LT Natalie Krupp
Patient Administration
Junior Category



LT Jason Ashmead
Patient Administration
Operational Category



LCDR Loreli Owens
Patient Administration
Senior Category



LT Ayoyinka Aluko
Pharmacy
Junior Category

CORPS CHIEF'S OFFICE

BRAVO ZULU SHIPMATES!



LCDR Kyleigh Hupfl
Pharmacy
Senior Category



LT Tia Blythe
Physical Therapy
Junior Category



LCDR Eric Infante
Physical Therapy
Senior Category



LT Justin Loder
Physician Assistant



LT Mahamat Babagana
Physiology



LCDR Manuel Beltran
Plans, Operations, &
Medical Intelligence



LCDR Nhu Do
Podiatry



LT Aure Stewart
Radiation Health



LT Jayson Rhoton
Research Psychology

RESERVE UPDATE

2022 MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS RESERVE OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

BRAVO ZULU SHIPMATES!



LT Amy Brown
Healthcare Administration
HCA



LCDR John Leahy
Health Care Clinician
Pharmacist



LT Mariam Kwamin
Health Care Scientist
Environmental Health Officer

Selections of the Reserve Component include one officer per community for Health Care Administration (HCA), Health Care Clinicians (HCC), and Health Care Scientists (HCS).

The accomplishments and packages submitted were outstanding and reflect the scope and enterprise-wide impact of our MSC Reserves. Bravo Zulu to all — Keep leaning forward!!

Please congratulate all of the MSC Reserve nominees!

- LCDR Samson Adelaja - Medical Laboratory Sciences
- LCDR Andrew Alvarez - Physical Therapy
- LCDR Alexander Balbir - HCA
- LCDR Melissa Fennell - Information Management
- LCDR Steven Gnilka - POMI
- LCDR Bryan Goff - IHO
- LCDR Bryce Mendez - POMI
- LCDR Ainslee Noreen - Physician Assistant
- LCDR Natalie Oakes - Medical Laboratory Sciences
- LCDR Evelyn Palm - EHO
- LCDR Robert Stewart - Pharmacy
- LT Ashlee Schmitt - Occupational Therapy
- LT Ryan Swenson - Patient Administration

SPECIALTY SPOTLIGHT

Naval Audiology

Story by: CDR Jason Jones, LCDR Kyle Shephard, LCDR Matt Thomas, & LT Katie Litwinchuk

Navy Audiologists are clinicians that specialize in the identification, evaluation, prevention, and treatment of hearing and balance disorders. Audiology, as a profession and in the context of hearing conservation, is generally acknowledged as developing from war-time excessive noise exposure. All of our nation's wars dating back to early colonization show evidence of documentation of hearing loss as a battlefield injury.

Efforts, however, to study the effects of noise exposure and provide aural rehabilitation to warfighters did not begin in earnest until WWII. It wasn't until several years later that we began to see the emergence of formal Hearing Conservation Programs.

Effective hearing is imperative to mission success in all military operations. Situational awareness and communication capability are the most important mechanisms for military members to operate safely and competently as a team in dynamic environments. These mechanisms significantly rely on the ability to hear well. In ideal lighting, our hearing allows us to detect cues or threats from any angle and outside of our immediate visual field. Normal hearing becomes even more crucial for situational awareness with less-than-ideal lighting due to time of day or environmental factors. Mild hearing damage can compromise the ability to understand speech, especially when visual cues aren't available, such as when focusing on a task or speaking through a device. Hearing in the presence of background noise creates additional challenges for individual and mission effectiveness as it places an extra load on the auditory system to decipher what is important and what is just noise. Hearing readi-

ness is both a matter of hearing performance and hearing loss prevention.

Noise induced hearing loss (NIHL) is permanent damage to the auditory system caused by hazardous noise. NIHL is often characterized by poor speech understanding, difficulty hearing in background noise, difficulty locating sounds and tinnitus. Tinnitus is the sensation of ringing, buzzing, or other sounds in the ear(s). Tinnitus and NIHL are respectively the No. 1 and No. 2 most prevalent disabilities for individuals who have served in the military. This is because hazardous noise is one of the most common risks throughout military operations. While advancements in technology and capabilities have allowed our military to be more adaptive and multifunctional, they have also caused our noise environments to become more dynamic. These dynamic environments, however, contain multiple noise hazards that produce fairly predictable levels when appropriately measured.

Hazardous noise is generally determined by the overall intensity/loudness of the noise, duration of exposure and noise type (continuous/steady-state, peak/impulse, or a combination of the two). It can also include spectral quality/frequency content of the noise for unique or especially hazardous environments. Sound level meters can be used to measure all aspects of hazardous noise instantaneously and/or over time for a particular environment or piece of equipment. An average can also be obtained for a particular environment or worker. This data allows general estimations of noise hazard risk level, however, small changes in an operation (i.e., addition or subtraction of a process or part, location of equipment or personnel, number of systems running, weather/climate and individual variability, etc.) can impact that noise environment and subsequently change the risk for a particular location or job within it. Navy Audiologists play an important role in the preservation of this critical sense.

Much of our community's "focus" is towards protecting the hearing health and hearing readiness of U.S. Forces and those that support them. Navy Audiology is a unique community in that this focus changes depending upon location. Thirty-three percent of our officers are currently assigned to Outside Continental United States (OCONUS) billets where they provide the full complement of clinical audiology and subspecialty hearing conservation services for all eligible beneficiaries. These services include everything from universal newborn hearing screenings and early developmental intervention services all the way through the adult life span to include services for retirees.



USS Frank Cable (AS-40). Pictured above: LCDR Krystal Rapp stands while conducting Hearing Technician Certification.

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The remaining 66 percent of our officers are currently assigned to Continental United States (CONUS) billets typically in a subspecialty role as Occupational Audiologists where the mission is to facilitate local command Hearing Conservation Program (HCP) implementation, compliance, and success; and to promote hearing loss prevention and operational hearing readiness. Fifty percent of the work week are spent in clinical services providing disposition of permanent threshold shifts and audiometric fitness-for-duty while the other fifty percent are spent conducting outreach and prevention activities such as hearing conservation training briefs and worksite evaluations.

The road to becoming an audiologist is a demanding one and the road to becoming a Navy Audiologist is even more so. All audiology programs in the United States have doctoral-level minimum programs. After graduating with a bachelor's degree, students then move on to three years of clinical and classroom studies followed by a one-year residency program. Many of our new accessions complete this residency requirement through the Navy's Health Services Collegiate Program (HSCP), a hugely successful program that provides not only the required clinical competencies, but also ensures that new officers are prepared to run large, multifaceted Hearing Conservation Programs. This is a skill not often emphasized in many Audiology Graduate Programs or widely represented in the audiology profession at large, where occupational audiologists represent .07 percent of the total audiology workforce. The HSCP residency year represents an opportunity to gain time and experience without the pressures of Naval Officership. Students are sworn in as Officer Candidate 1st Class for the duration of their residency year and, upon completion, are commissioned as Lieutenants.



Oak Knoll, Calif. Pictured above: Audio testing is conducted at Naval Hospital Oakland, circa 1949.

Typically, Navy Audiologists are assigned to Military Treatment Facilities; however, many have also been involved in Humanitarian missions aboard hospital ships and have conducted global health engagements throughout the Pacific, providing hearing healthcare, education, and humanitarian/civil assistance to host nations where oftentimes audiological care is sparse or non-existent. In addition, Navy Audiologists have worked directly with host nation public health departments to implement and/or expand newborn hearing screening programs, in line with Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance. Other assignments Navy Audiologists can fill are at the Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Units (NEPMU). These billets are designed to serve as the lead hearing conservation SME to the Fleet, to operational Marine Corps assets serviced by the NEPMUs, and to operational medical departments that are supported by NEPMUs. Navy Audiologists are also working outside of traditional clinical roles, specifically in leadership roles at BUMED, Naval Medical Forces Atlantic, DoD Hearing Centers of Excellence and Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division, Human Systems.

Each year, Navy Audiologists join their tri-service and Veterans Affairs colleagues at the Joint Defense and Veteran's Administration Audiology Conference (JDVAC). JDVAC began as a collaborative effort between the Military Audiology Association (MAA) and the Association of VA Audiologists (AVAA) in an effort to strengthen relationships, to enhance educational opportunities, and to work towards ways to better enhance the patient transition from active duty to the civilian sector.

An important component of this conference is the presentation of relevant research occurring across the Fleet. Of note in the area of NIHL, Dr. Jeremy Federman, principal investigator in the Submarine Medicine and Survival Systems Department at the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory (NMSRL), explores numerous hearing protection devices in Sailors and Marines exposed to hazardous noise.



Falls Church, Va. Pictured above (L-R): CDR Joel Bealer and CDR Michelle Kee are some of the Navy Audiologists assigned to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

FROM THE LABS

Learning to Lead

Story by: LCDR Adam T. Biggs

Leadership is among the most important topics for Naval officers. Although there are formal training opportunities offered by organizations such as the Naval Leadership and Ethics Center, recent efforts have dug a little deeper into the process for selecting leaders at operational commands. Collectively, they are referred to as Leadership Assessment Programs (LAPs). There are variants for Naval Special Warfare and Naval Surface Forces, to name a few, but these innovative efforts have explored the process for selecting leadership in the Navy.

The impetus can be traced back to an Army initiative called the Battalion Commander's Assessment Program (BCAP). Some people describe the process as similar to the National Football League Combine. Just as prospective players put their skills on display prior to the draft, possible leaders are evaluated through a series of assessments that explore physical fitness, subordinate evaluations, and even cognitive abilities. The assessments can inform selection boards to give a better understanding about the strengths of each candidate, but more than that, these programs offer incredible potential for leadership development. People could receive feedback at various milestones rather than a simple selected or non-selected outcome. Leadership development can be orchestrated through these screenings in a vital feedback loop.

As the Navy began piloting these programs, the work of operational psychologists proved instrumental in demonstrating the potential efficacy. CAPT Scott Johnston of Naval Special Warfare Command, along with other Operational Psychologists, helped design multiple novel elements to address the unique needs of conducting leadership assessments for special operations. Interviews and psychological assessments were layered onto other physical evaluations to create a unique blend that best served the needs of that particular community. Together, they have applied their well-honed specialties in selection and assessment to explore novel methods to select future leaders in special operations. Operational Psychologists have been conducting various assessment and selection initiatives for years, but this is the first time it has been comprehensively applied to leadership selection. Related efforts also expanded the application beyond special warfare. New pilot assessments, spearheaded by CDR Linda Havens, have explored leadership selection procedures in multiple operational communities. This expansion represents the next important evolution in changing the culture to better incorporate leadership selection throughout a career rather than simply enhancing the process when screening for major commands.



Pictured above: CAPT Scott Johnston guides a discussion about the importance of leadership assessment programs.

Still, leadership assessment programs remain an ongoing development. Each community will need to best identify its unique traits to ensure the process works under those conditions, which creates a demand to explore theories and practical application of leadership. LAPs thus have the potential to inform what we think we know about leadership as much as improving the Navy by selecting better commanding officers. Moreover, these programs highlight the practical applications of specialty skills among Medical Service Corps officers who bridge the gap between theory and application.

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International Career Advancement Program

Story by: LCDR Shannon Jackson, Dr. Peggy Williams, & LT Nicholas Grant

The International Career Advancement Program (ICAP), established in 1997, is described as “a professional development and leadership program for highly promising mid-career professionals” and is sponsored by the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver and the Aspen Institute. The US Navy selects ICAP Fellows each year who have a strong sense of commitment to forging Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) within the Navy community. For 2022, The Office of the Chief of Naval Operations’ 21st Century Sailor office (OPNAV N17) selected the following as its ICAP Fellows:

Dr. Peggy Williams (Scientist for Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane)

LCDR Shannon Jackson, MSC, USN (Public Affairs Officer, Navy Medicine Training Support Command)

LT Nicholas Grant, MSC, USN (Clinical Psychologist, Commander, Naval Surface Group, Middle Pacific)

The purpose of ICAP is to support the development of professionals from underrepresented groups, and those who are strong advocates of DEIA to grow as leaders and to support their commitment to increasing the quality and diversity of senior leadership. The program provides a support network, career advising, mentors, policy and research background, and other assistance in order to help fellows have a more effective voice, to achieve their potential, and to assume leadership positions in international affairs in the United States in both the public and the private sectors.

ICAP was based on the realization that U.S. leadership, which draws on the full range of talent and diversity of the U.S. population, will be more legitimate and will enhance the quality, effectiveness, and creativity of U.S. participation in global affairs. The program was identified in 2015 by Global Diversity List of “The Economist” as one of the top 50 “Ethnic Diversity Networks” globally and has been named in both U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate bills as an important and successful diversity leadership program.

Selected ICAP Fellows include members of the State Department, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Foreign Agricultural Service and its Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, the U.S. African Development Foundation, the U.S. International Trade Commission, the U.S. Department of Labor’s International Labor Affairs Bureau, the U.S. Navy, the Council on Foreign Relations, the Gates Foundation, Amnesty International USA, and the Aspen Institute.

Over the course of a week at the Aspen Institute ICAP Fellows are offered an opportunity to network with other DEIA champions. Here are reflections from the US Navy’s 2022 ICAP Fellows:

“I am tremendously grateful and honored to have been selected by Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) as one of the three 2022 Department of the Navy ICAP fellows and to be joining the corps of 700+ strong ICAP Alumni. The ICAP Fellowship, quite possibly the most transformational program I have ever had the privilege to partake in, provided space not only to focus on my personal and career growth, but also to form lasting connections with and gain invaluable wisdom from peers and senior leaders across the government and international affairs sectors that can be leveraged to effect lasting positive change. I highly encourage the Navy and broader DoD to send more individuals from their ranks, as promoting diverse international leaders requires not only people of diverse backgrounds and allies, but also challenging those who are in leadership and policy making positions to not only welcome individuals of diverse backgrounds to the table, but also listen to and amplify their voices.”

-Dr. Peggy Williams

“The ICAP experience is nearly impossible to describe in words. The week in Aspen was an extremely transformative, humbling, and powerful experience that has helped to shape both my professional and personal life. The career guidance, ability to network with peers across the international affairs space and learn and glean advice from leaders across the interagency was unprecedented. The ICAP fellowship provided so much more than I expected and I am extremely grateful to have been chosen to represent the Department of the Navy.”

-LCDR Shannon Jackson

“The ICAP experience was revitalizing and offered the opportunity to make real connections with others who have diverse policy experiences and passion for DEIA work. I am beyond grateful to have been selected by OPNAV N17 and, more generally, to the Navy for demonstrating its commitment to DEIA through partnering with ICAP.”

-LT Nicholas Grant

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Navy Senior Pharmacy Officer Receives FMF Pin

Story by: CDR Janine Espinal, MSC, USN, Marine Corps Systems Command

CDR Kellye Donovan, Fleet Pharmacist and the Pharmacy Assistant Specialty Leader, received her Fleet Marine Force (FMF) pin on 2 November 2022 at Marine Corps Systems Command in Stafford, Va. CAPT Roderick Boyce, the Deputy Director of the Medical Service Corps at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, was CDR Donovan's pinning officer. Attainment of the FMF Qualified Officer designation for a Naval Officer signifies an achieved level of excellence and proficiency in Marine Corps operations and indicates a fundamental understanding of a Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF) and its components. The FMF insignia signifies a Naval Officer's general knowledge and understanding of war fighting, mission effectiveness, and command survivability. Officers who wear the FMF insignia stand out as significant contributors to the Naval Service ground warfare mission.

CDR Donovan is the first pharmacist in Navy Medicine to fill a newly created pharmacy billet in Marine Corps Systems Command to provide subject matter expertise in clinical pharmacy for the Marine Corps enterprise. During the pinning ceremony, CAPT Boyce stated how important it is to have Navy Medicine leaders integrated in the FMF. He said that it was essential for clinicians to have an increased presence in the fleet as Navy Medicine pivots to readiness. Colonel John Gutierrez, the Portfolio Manager for the Logistics Combat Element Systems at Marine Corps Systems Command and a former Navy Corpsman, addressed the group stating the significance of the Expeditionary Medical Systems mission of providing medical devices and supplies to support the FMF and to improve patient outcomes. He also presented CDR Donovan with a Portfolio coin.



Quantico, Va. Pictured above (L-R): Mr. Daniel Donovan, CDR Kellye Donovan, and CAPT Roderick Boyce, Deputy Director of the Medical Service Corps, participate in the FMF pinning ceremony.



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Quantico, Va. Pictured right (L-R): Col John Gutierrez, the Portfolio Manager for the Logistics Combat Element Systems at U.S. Marine Corps Systems Command, delivers a short speech before presenting CDR Kellye Donovan with a command coin.

MSC HOLIDAY GREETINGS

USNMRTC Naples



Naples, Italy. Pictured left (L-R): LT Alex Kaeck, RHO; LT Julian Krusely, IHO; LT Jon Oliva, HCA; LT Sergio Gallego, HCA; LCDR Jen Frasco, HCA; LT Mike Encoy, HCA; CAPT Kathleen Cooperman, HCA/XO; LT Paul Mouhalis, HCA; LT Emily Jacobs, LCSW; LT Dan Dill, HCA; LCDR Ed Roberts, HCA; CDR David Valentine III, HCA/DFA; LT Keith Mahannah, HCA; LT Claire Gould, HCA; CDR Bryan Pyle, Clinical Psychologist; LCDR Chris Suszko, HCA; LCDR Ellis Banks, HCA; LT R. J. Blasi, PT; LT Dennis Moreno, Medical Laboratory Scientist; LCDR Seth Garcia, Audiologist; LCDR Jason Asencio, Dietitian; LT Ivan Boskovich, HCA; and LCDR Lonnie Meyers, PA.

Manpower & Personnel, National Capital Region

Alexandria, Va. Medical Service Corps Manpower and Personnel Officers (3130) celebrate the holidays with their Nurse Corps counterparts. Pictured right (L-R): LCDR Jake Hesse, MSC; LCDR Joey LaBarbera, MSC; CDR Rebecca Rodriguez, NC; CDR Stephanie Paone, NC; LT John Heyde, MSC; and LCDR Kevan Mellendick, MSC.



Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD)



Patuxent River, Md. NAWCAD Human Systems Engineering holiday party. Pictured left, Back Row (L-R): LCDR Thomas Annabel, AOP; LCDR (sel) Travis Doggett, Operational Physiologist; CDR(sel) Micah Kinney, Aerospace Optometry; LT Adam Braly, AEP; and LCDR Kyle Sheppard, Operational Audiologist. Front Row (L-R): LCDR(sel) Eric Vorm, AEP; LT Jennifer Knapp, AEP; LT Chris Mecham, AOP; CAPT(sel) Chris Foster, AEP; and LT Sarah Beadle, AEP.

NMRTC Pearl Harbor, INDOPACOM , & Bravo Surgical Co.

Oahu, Hawaii. Pictured right (L-R): CAPT Jeff Klinger, HCA/XO, NMRTC-PH; LCDR Karen Maldarelli, HCA; LT Tony Ochiltree, HCA; CDR Shani Henry, HCA/DFA, NMRTC-PH; LCDR Chris Peters, Comp-troller; CDR Ayessa Toler, POMI, INDOPACOM; LT Akakpossa Ananou, Med Tech, INDOPACOM; CDR Ashlee Espiritu, Pharmacist/DCSS, NMRTC-PH; LCDR Andy Neipp, Pharmacist; and LTJG Juan Osorio, HCA, Bravo Surgical Company, 3rd Medical Battalion.



NMRTC Jacksonville



Jacksonville, Fla. Pictured left, Back Row (L-R): LTJG Eric Rabbitt, Med Tech; LT Kyle Rodgers, Audiologist; CDR Juan Rosario, HCA/DFA; LT Prender Alderson, HCA; LCDR Jose Pulido, Pharmacist; LT Meagan Rawers, Pharmacist; LT Julie Pate, Pharmacist; LT Sanders Lee, HCA; LT Alexandria Kucera, Clinical Psychologist; LT Juan Alvarezrodriguez, Medical Laboratory Scientist; and LCDR Ken Holifield, HCA/ADFA. Front Row (L-R): CAPT Randy Panke, PA/EMF Mike Commanding Officer; LT Amanda Rabbitt, HCA; LT Catherine McHale, PT; LT Megan Kelly, OT; LT Yasdel Ortizrivera, Pharmacist; LCDR Leonarda Deguzman, HCA/DRM; LCDR Joseph Musmanno Podiatrist; LT Brittany Lovett, Podiatrist; and LT Rachel Smith, Dietitian.

1st Medical Battalion

Camp Pendleton, Calif. Pictured right, Front Row (L-R): LT Reagan Williams, POMI; LCDR James Harwood, Entomologist; LCDR James Jones, PA; LCDR Calvin Miller, PA; LT Phokham Sourivanh, PA; LCDR Amelia Olson, PA; LT Mercedes Lawson, PA; LTJG Vitelli Jordan, PA; LT Pamela Rakoski, PA; LTJG Rosalind Thomas, HCA; and LT Lindsay Jensen, PA. Back Row (L-R): CDR Bradley Lester, IHO; LT Brandon Mizuhara, HCA; LT Seth Baron, POMI; LT Jonathan Tablada, POMI; LT Jonathan Stawick, EHO; LT Carter Laur, POMI; LT Terry Draper, EHO; LTJG Williams Green, HCA; LT Richard Bonnes, PA; and LT Ryan Moore, Entomologist.



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NMRTC San Diego



San Diego, Calif. Pictured left, Front Row (L-R): LCDR Anna Lacanillao, ADFA; LT Robert Campbell, HCA; LCDR Cassie Sipe, Dietitian; LT Clara Pangco, Medical Laboratory Scientist; LT Samantha Williams, HCA; LTJG Kayla Brown, HCA; LTJG Rosario Franco, HCA; ENS Eunice Arnold, Army-Baylor MHA Resident; ENS Adrienn Tavas, Army-Baylor MHA Program Resident; and LCDR Angela Sadosky, OT. Back Row (L-R): LCDR Krystal Glaze, Medical Laboratory Scientist; LCDR Travis Kelley, HCA; LT Erin Williams, OT; CAPT Adrian Gaskin, Medical Laboratory Scientist; CDR Mary Linnell, Optometrist; LCDR Derek Gresko, Optometrist; CDR Joshua Miller, HCA/DFA; and LT Dale Wolkenhauer, Medical Laboratory Scientist.

NMRTC Quantico



Quantico, Va. MSCs at Naval Health Clinic Quantico "Get Into The Christmas Spirit." Pictured above, Front Row (L-R): CDR Alice Moss, Pharmacist; LT Chelaya Bartlett, HCA; and LT Sheryll Tagura, Medical Laboratory Scientist. Second Row: LCDR Shellita Green, HCA; LTJG Kristina Martinez, HCA; LCDR Dawn Walker, HCA/DFA; LT Jennifer Adcock, PA; and LT Scott Bauer, Optometrist. Back Row (L-R): LT Myra McGowan, PT; LCDR Curtis Hollie, HCA/DRM; and LCDR Michael Evans, PA.

DHHQ/BUMED HQ



Falls Church, Va. Pictured above, Front Row (L-R): CDR Emerson Mutuc, Medical Logistics; CAPT Louis Anderson, POMI; LCDR Adrienne Manasco, Clinical Psychologist; LT Anna Dolgova, Manpower HCA; and CDR Rodel Divina, Optometrist. Middle Row (L-R): LT Akil Lett, Patient Administration Officer; CAPT Melissa Lauby, Clinical Psychologist; CDR Jennifer Wallinger, Dietitian; CAPT Marc Herwitz, Optometrist; CAPT Douglas Stephens, HCA; CAPT Kyle Kee, HCA; LCDR Margaret Bocian, Manpower HCA; CAPT Timothy Richardson, HCA; and LCDR Tyrone Nagapoolay, PA. Back Row (L-R): CAPT Gary Grothe, HCA; LCDR Harry Qui, Comptroller; CDR Andrew Weiss, HCA; and LT John Heyde, POMI.

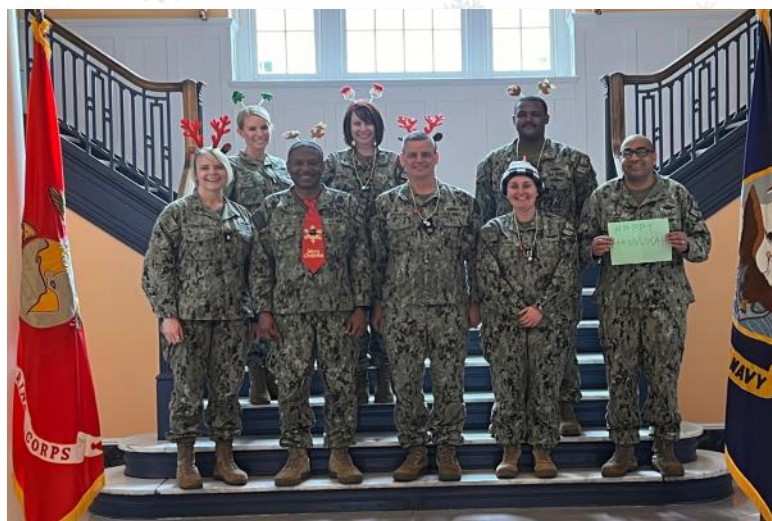
MSC HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Naval Undersea Medical Institute & Naval Submarine Research Laboratory

Groton, Conn. Pictured right (L-R): LTJG Galo Barrezueta HCA; LT Jon Rogers, RHO; LT Mahamat Babaga, Research Physiologist; LT Jennifer Louie, Research Psychologist; LCDR Dale Wilson, PA; LT Jacob Lockwood, IHO; and LCDR Jeff Caudill, RHO.



Expeditionary Medical Facility—Juliet



Portsmouth, Va. Pictured left, Front Row (L-R): LCDR Laura Letchworth, HCA/DFA; CAPT Timothy Thompson, Pharmacist; LCDR Sam Stephens, Clinical Psychologist; LT Julia Vandrak, PA; and LCDR Joseph Edouard, HCA/MATMAN. Back Row (L-R): ENS Tegan Trotter, Med Tech; CAPT Stacie Milavec, Med Tech; and LT Wes Mouton, HCA.

NMRTC Lemoore

Lemoore, Calif. Pictured right (L-R): CAPT Sonny Tizon, HCA/Commanding Officer; LT William Hogan, HCA; LCDR Doug Chang, Pharmacist; LCDR Michelle Neuroth, Medical Laboratory Scientist; LTJG Danny Dang, HCA; CDR K. C. Nilsson, HCA; LTJG Matthew Zelkoski, HCA; LCDR Jeremy Slocum, PT; LTJG Esther Wilson, HCA; and LCDR Caleb Steele, LCSW.



BUMED MSC Chief's Office



Falls Church, Va. Pictured above (L-R): CDR Jennifer Wallinger, Dietitian; CAPT Robert Anderson, HCA; CAPT Roderick Boyce, EHO; CAPT David Fabrizio, Med Log POMI; and LT Nicole Plazio, HCA. Photo credit: LCDR Kevin Mollema, HCA.

NMRTC Annapolis



Annapolis, Md. Pictured above in front of US Naval Academy Chapel (L-R): LT Schmidt, PA-C; CDR Kevin Lyle, HCA; LCDR Nyangena, HCA; CAPT Leslie Hair, PT; LT Brown, Podiatrist; LT Bird, PA; LT Heyliger, HCA; and CAPT Shane Vath, PT.

USNMRTC Rota



Rota, Spain. Pictured above, Front Row (L-R): CDR Cindi Palacios, HCA/DFA; LT Yeong Kim, HCA; LCDR(Sel) Christian Johnroe, IHO; Lt Kyle Coven, HCA; LCDR Phillip Hensley, LCSW; LCDR Arthur Decastro, HCA; LT Vanessa Moyhanan, Clinical Psychologist; LCDR Thuy Phung, Optometrist; CDR Jeremy Lamb, Optometrist; and CDR Akinwale Onamde, Pharmacist. Back Row (L-R): LCDR Chris Duhon, Audiology; LTJG Jose Delgado, HCA; LTJG Roosevelt Joseph, HCA; LCDR Leah Moss, PA; LT Mark Strutton, HCA; LT Matthew Sturgeon, Clinical Psychologist; LT James Maxfield, PT; LCDR Garret Hand, Pharmacist; and CDR Bradley Gotto, Pharmacist/DHB.

NMRTC Twentynine Palms



Twentynine Palms, Calif. Pictured above, Back Row (L-R): LT Kathryn Binninger, PT; LTJG Mohammed Ismail, Med Tech; LCDR Gregory Regts, Clinical Psychologist/DMS; LT Gill Trainor, HCA; LCDR Terence Cusack, Pharmacist/DCSS; LT Victoria Selkirk, Dietitian; and LT Stanley Maritim, Med Tech. Middle Row (L-R): LCDR Elisa Menck, PT; LTJG Stephanie Williams, HCA; LT Renato Sayo, IHO; LT Kesley Arhart, Audiologist; CAPT Aaron Werbel, Clinical Psychologist/XO; LT Maryann Hopkins, HCA; and LCDR David Cavallario, HCA/DFA. Front Row (L-R): LTJG Jillian Dunbar, EHO, and LTJG Adiaratou Sidibe, IHO.

Navy Experiment Diving Unit



Panama City Beach, Fla. Pictured above (L-R): LT Brian Williams and LT Mitchell Reed, both Research Physiologists. Not Pictured: LCDR Christopher Rodeheffer, Research Psychologist.

Officer Training Command Newport



Newport, R.I. Pictured above (L-R): LT Justin Purnell, POMI; CDR Jessica Woody, PAD/Director; and LT Mimi Barter, HCA.

MSC HOLIDAY GREETING

USNMRTC Yokosuka



Yokosuka, Japan. Pictured left, Back Row (L-R): LTJG Corinna Dorais, Dietitian; LT Sergio Bonilla, LCSW; LT Tya Rowe, Dietitian; LCDR Brian Lees, Clinical Psychologist; LT Kevin Ahn, LCSW; LT Alexas Casillas, HCA; LCDR Mark Debano, Optometrist; and LCDR Jaime Zhunepluas, CIO. Middle Row (L-R): CDR Samuel Jarvis, Optometrist/DHB; LCDR Gretchen Burns, IHO/DPH; CDR Mary Piliwale, EHO/ADPH; LT Kathryn Lee, LCSW; LT Toni Taylor, HCA; LT Jeremy Wilkinson, HCA; LT Ara Gutierrez, Med Tech; LT Sasha Tittel, Med Tech; LCDR Qingyuan Cao, Pharmacist/DCSS; and LT Siung Kang, Pharmacist. Front Row (L-R): LCDR Angel Camacho, HCA/ADFA; LT Christopher Low, IHO; LT Bianca Gabriel, HCA; LT Nicole Johnson, HCA; LCDR Kaia Robinson, HCA/Comptroller; LTJG Willie Williams, HCA; LT Harold Baring, HCA; LT Dayana Martinez, HCA; and CDR Dario Morgan, HCA/DFA.

USTRANSCOM

Scott AFB, Ill. Pictured right (L-R): LCDR Heather Neumeier, HCA; LT Dustin Dickamore, HCA; CAPT Joe Patterson, POMI/Deputy Surgeon; CDR Christopher Lingard POMI/Chief, TPMRC-Americas; and LCDR Veronica White, HCA.



USNMRTC Okinawa



Okinawa, Japan. USNMRTC Okinawa Holiday Photo "Pride of the Pacific." Pictured left, Back Row (L-R): LCDR Billy Aguirre, HCA; CAPT Thomas Piner, CO; LT Francis Oladipo, HCA; CDR Mathew Rariden, DEM; LT Paul Henderson, 3rd Dental Battalion, Comptroller; LTJG James Wolff, Medical Laboratory Scientist; LCDR Mike Gibboney, AMECC; LT Tim Martin, HCA; and LT Claire Schofield, Comptroller. Second Row (L-R): LTJG Nnamdi Emenogu, HCA; LCDR William Agbo, Pharmacist; LT Jeri Baber, Medical Laboratory Scientist; LT Travis Grizzle, HCA; LT Andrea Hayes, Dietitian; LTJG Mariachatlyn Natelli, HCA; and LCDR Harry Tran, CIO. Front Row (L-R): CDR Kibwe Hampden, DFA; LT Min Kim, Pharmacist; LT Vivian Le, Pharmacist; LT Brooke Dorsey, PA-C; and CAPT Leah Geislinger, OT/XO.

MSC HOLIDAY GREETINGS

USNMRTC Sigonella

Sigonella, Italy. Pictured right (L-R): LCDR Nhu Do, Podiatry; LTJG Anthony Vanluven, HCA; LT Brian McNeil, LCSW; CDR Joseph Fromknecht, DFA/HCA; LCDR Michael Orr, Medical Laboratory Scientist; LCDR Karla Krasnoselsky, PT; CDR Monique Gouridine, Podiatry; LT Brent Hume, Optometry; LT Foster Boadi, Medical Laboratory Scientist; LT Jason Woolery, IHO; LT Felix Iheanacho, PA; and LT Angelo Alano, HCA.



Entomology, National Capital Region



Bethesda, Md. Pictured left (L-R): CAPT Eric Hoffman, LCDR Michael Kavanaugh, LT Jodi Fiorenzano, and CAPT Kathryn Barnes.

Naval Medical Forces Pacific

San Diego, Calif. Pictured right (L-R): LT Robert E. Campbell, HCA; LCDR Brandon H. Good, HFFPO; CAPT Jerry "JJ" Bailey, POMI/Deputy Commander; LT Alicia Johnson, PAD; CAPT(Ret) Mark O. Boman, HCA/Chief of Staff; LT MaryAnn M. Clover, POMI; LCDR(Ret) Jerry Brown III, HFFPO; CDR Johnfritz E. Antoine, EHO; CDR Kevin "Patrick" McMullen, OPS Research; LCDR Hunter R. Coates, HIT; CDR Eric A. Polonsky, HCA; LTJG John-Ross L. McCarthy, HCA; MAJ(Ret) Mark A. Eckman, MSC; CDR Ramaud D. Love, Med Log; and CAPT(Ret) Manuel E. Naguit, Comptroller. Not pictured: LCDR Kristofer M. Ward, HCA; CDR Kevin S. Bailey, POMI; and LCDR(Ret) Liliana Flores, POMI.



NMOTC UPENN



Philadelphia, Pa. The trauma team at the Navy Medicine Operational Training Command's HM Trauma Training and Training Navy Trauma Center at the University of Pennsylvania. Pictured above (L-R): LCDR Bill Lawson, HCA, and LCDR Zachary Hare, PA.

USNFCC, Combined Maritime Forces Command



Manama, Bahrain. Pictured above (L-R): LCDR Nii Adjei J. Oninku, Force Health Protection Officer; CDR Meg Potter, Deputy Surgeon; and LT Freddie Mawanay, Health Security Cooperation Officer.

USNMRTC Guam



Agana Heights, Guam. Pictured above, Front Row (L-R): LT Melissa George, Audiologist; LCDR Krystal Rapp, Audiologist; LT Cristina Lucaterodiaz, HCA; LTJG Jayson Ravago, Medical Laboratory Scientist; and LTJG Ja'mel Withrow, HCA. Second Row (L-R): CDR Francine Segovia, Clinical Psychologist; LT Shalani Offord, Clinical Psychologist; LTJG Benji Ambrocio, HCA; LT Omega McneeseHaliburton, HCA; LT Apolinar Ortiz, Medical Laboratory Scientist; LT Travis Stickney, LCSW; LT Grace Kennedy, Clinical Psychologist; LT Lesley Prasad, IHO; and LCDR Edward Agbevey Tamakloe, HCA. Back Row (L-R): LT Grant Greenburg, LCSW; LT Okorafor Agbai, HCA; LT Brian Warman, HCA; LT Nikima Loureiro, LCSW; LTJG William McIver, EHO; LCDR Norma Shryock, LCSW; LCDR Jeffrey Vorwald, IHO; CDR Kevin Starkey, DFA; CDR Paul Mayo, Optometrist; CDR Amit Sood, Dietitian; and LT Paul Grigsby, Optometrist.

NMRTC Cherry Point



Cherry Point, N.C. Pictured left (L-R): LCDR Renardis Banks, HCA/DFA; LT Michelle Grasso, HCA; LT Joseph Williams, HCA/DRM; LCDR Allison Clark, Clinical Psychologist/ADMS; CAPT Scott Coon, HCA/XO; LTJG Allison Finneseth, PT; CDR Jone Tillman, Pharmacist/DCSS; LTJG Bernardina Boggs, Medical Laboratory Scientist; LTJG Marienoel Piekam, HCA; and LT Juan Morales, EHO.

NMRTC Charleston

Charleston, S.C. Pictured right (L-R): LTJG Byron Andrade, HCA; LCDR Daniel Plitnik, RHO; CDR James Lager, HCA/DFA; ENS Elizabeth Isley, EHO; LCDR Samantha Stopford, LCSW/DPH; and LCDR Tara Dariano, PT/DCSS. Not Pictured: CDR Leslie Councilor, Medical Laboratory Scientist; CDR Greg Monk, PA; LCDR Matthew Martin, HCA; LT Kirk Truax, RHO; and LTJG Darinka Dettling, HCA.



Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit SIX



Pictured left (L-R): LT Samuel Kuhr, RHO; LCDR Jose Garcia-Rivera, Microbiologist; LT Tanniesha Watts, HCA; LCDR Tony Allen, IHO; CDR Dean Wagner, Microbiologist/AOIC; CDR Joseph Stastny, IHO/OIC; CAPT Cary Isaacson, IHO; LT Xarviera Appling, EHO; LTJG James Taloumis, IHO; and LT Jason McCain, EHO. Not Pictured: CDR Jinaki Gourline, Entomologist; LCDR Jennifer Simmons, Entomologist; LCDR Malia Gonzalez, IHO; LT Hilary Williams, EHO; LT Javier Lopez-Coronado, EHO; LT Stefanie Allan, Audiologist; and LTJG Jacob Amadin, IHO.

MSC HOLIDAY GREETING

Navy Medicine Operational Training Command



Pensacola, Fla. Pictured above (L-R): LCDR Amber Lenfert, HCA; CAPT Tyler Scheeler, AOP; CAPT Corey Littel, AOP; CDR Sean McCarthy, AOP; LT Will McMillen, AOP; LCDR Angie Nakkula, HCA; LT Michael Schaffer, HCA; LTJG Destiny Attewell, AOP; LT Kris Clemens, AOP; LT Carly Day, AOP; CDR Kimberly Littel, AOP; CAPT Lakesha Chieves, HCA; LT Noelle Knight, AOP; LT Jacob Westenberg, Research Psychologist; LT Dan Rogers, AOP; LT Irani Araujo, HCA; LTJG Andy Cosgrove, AOP; LTJG Ian Sparks, AOP; and LT Alex Charalambous, AOP.

NMRTC New England



Newport, R.I. Pictured above (L-R): LCDR Amanda Jimenez-Myers, Optometrist; CAPT Duneley Rochino, Executive Officer; CAPT Kristin Hodapp, Commanding Officer; LCDR Greg Halol, DFA; LT Tammy Nguyen, Medical Laboratory Scientist; and LTJG Benjamin Martin, EHO.

NMRTU Groton



Groton, Conn. Pictured above (L-R): ENS Opeyemi Fadiyimu, Medical Laboratory Scientist; LT Christopher Cruz, PA; LCDR Rohan Jairam, EHO; and LT Kathleen Smart, Clinical Psychologist.

MSC HOLIDAY GREETINGS

NMRTC Corpus Christi



Corpus Christi, Texas. Pictured left (L-R): LCDR Jason Palmer, PA/DHS; LT Jordan Winston, HCA/HR DH; LCDR Yen Guckeyson, HCA/DFA; CAPT Nichole Olson Optometrist/Executive Officer; LT Regina Cavada, HCA/PAD DH; and LTJG Jonathan Jones, EHO/PREVMED DH.

DHA-MEDLOG



Fort Detrick, Md. DHA Medical Logistics (MEDLOG). Pictured above (L-R): CAPT Eskinder Dagnechew, HCA/OIC; CDR Hong Gao, Optometrist; LCDR Bridget Ruiz, Medical Laboratory Scientist; and LCDR Carl Powell, Pharmacist.

NAMRU San Antonio



San Antonio, Texas. Pictured above (L-R): CAPT Gerald 'Troy' DeLong, IHO/Commanding Officer, NAMRU-San Antonio; LT Kimberly Melin, HCA; LT Racel Robeck, PA; and LT Adam Kishman, PA.

Armed Forces Optometric Society Presents *2022 Navy Optometrists of the Year*

On 25 October 2022, the Armed Forces Optometric Society (AFOS), the American Optometric Association's affiliate for Federal Service Optometrists, held its annual awards ceremony in San Diego.

LT Brent Hume, USNMRTC Sigonella Optometry Department Head, was named the AFOS Navy Junior Optometrist of the Year for 2022.

CDR Emily J. Sprague, NMRTU Memphis Officer-in-Charge, was named the AFOS Navy Optometrist of the Year. CDR Sprague then went on to compete with Optometrists of the Year from the Army, Air Force, VA, Public Health Service, and Reserves to be ultimately awarded the overall AFOS Optometrist of the Year.



LT Brent Hume

*AFOS Junior
Optometrist of the Year*



CDR Emily J. Sprague

*AFOS Overall
Optometrist of the Year*

BRAVO ZULU SHIPMATES!



Cherry Point, N.C. Pictured above: CAPT Scott Coon, NMRTC Cherry Point Executive Officer, conducts a promotion selection board brief to MSCs aboard MCAS Cherry Point.



Annapolis, Md. Pictured above (L-R): CAPT Leslie Hair and CAPT Shane Vath, both physical therapists, pause in front of the U.S. Naval Academy Chapel.

MSCs IN FOCUS



Arlington, Va. MSC officers stationed at the Pentagon gather for a photo. Pictured left, Back Row (L-R): LCDR Richard Bly, POMI/OJSS; CDR Eugene Smith, HCA/OSD; CAPT Richard Gillard, HCA/Manpower OPNAV 931; and CAPT Willie Carter, HCA/OPNAV N881. Front Row (L-R): LT Afam Isagba, POMI/OJSS; LCDR Aaron Hill, HCA/OSD; LT Bryan Eldredge, POMI/OPNAV 0931; CDR Damita Zweiback, POMI/Medical Data, OCNR-N0951; LT Robert Cardell, POMI/OPNAV 0931; and LCDR Manny Beltran, POMI/HQMC.

Puerto Cortes, Honduras. Pictured right (L-R): CDR Brian Engesser, HN Taylor Smith, HM1 Carol Debarr, CDR Joshua Keil, and HM2 Brian Gomez pose in front of a mural at their Continuing Promise 2022 (CP22) Optometry Team Medical Engagement Site. The team deployed on the USNS Comfort (T-AH-20) and saw 5,273 patients in Guatemala, Honduras, Colombia, Dominican Republic and Haiti during their two-month mission. In total, the entire CP22 mission treated nearly 15,000 patients across all specialties.



Pensacola, Fla. Navy Medicine Operational Training Command (NMOTC). Pictured above (L-R): CAPT William Scheeler, NSTI OIC; LT Jacob Westerberg, Research Psychologist; LT Nicholas Armendariz, NAMI AOIC; LTJG Marat Katsov, HCA; LCDR Angela Nakkula, DRM; LT Michael Schaffer, ADFA; LCDR Sarah Melick, AEP student; LT Kaila Vento, AEP student; and LT Rebecca Nesmith, AEP student.



Baucau, Timor Leste. Pacific Angel 22-4 Optometry Team. Picture above (L-R): SSgt Sandra Thilberg, Optometry Tech; SrA Denzel Wilson, Optometry Tech; Maj Scott Martin, Optometrist; and LCDR Christopher Pellejera, Optometrist.



Williamsburg, Va. Pictured left (L-R): Naval Medical Readiness Logistics Command (NMRLC) Triad, Executive Officer, CDR Christopher E. Barnes, USN, MSC; Commanding Officer, CAPT Matthew P. Marcinkiewicz, USN, MSC; and Command Master Chief, HMCM(SS/DV/FMF) Brandon L. Lindbeck pause in front of the past leaders' board before the All Hands uniform inspection in October 2022 in recognition of the U.S. Navy's 247th Birthday celebration. NMRLC is responsible for building and maintaining rapidly deployable medical systems to support contingency operations, humanitarian assistance, and real-world events and exercises around the globe. Comprised of Design, Operations, and Expeditionary Medical Logistics directorates, NMRLC's reach spans Liland, Norway, and Kaiserslautern, Germany, to Fort Detrick, Md. and Yorktown, Va., in addition to assets prepositioned in locations that facilitate rapid deployment.

Officer Training Command Newport, R.I. The newly commissioned MSC officers participate in fleet familiarization focus groups prior to graduation from Officer Development School class 23010. Pictured right (L-R): LTJG Patrick Cartwright, LTJG Achinth Murali, LT Rezaul Karim, LTJG Olayiwola Oluduro, LTJG Alexander Nelson, LTJG Ornita Bouie, LTJG Richard Empey, ENS Omar Cardona, CDR Jessica Woody (Director, Officer Development School), ENS Devin Donohue, LTJG Jessica Lott, LTJG Derrick Clemens, LT Juan Morales, and LT Justin Purnell (Class Officer).



Naval Support Activity, Bethesda, Md. MSCs representing six commands. Pictured left, First Row (L-R): LCDR Diana Tran-Yu, HCA/DFA NMRTC Bethesda; CAPT Drew Bigby, HCA/Interim Director WRNMMC; CAPT Steve Aboona, HCA/CO NMRTC Bethesda; LT Felicia Aponte-Eyl, Clinical Psychology Resident/WRNMMC; LT Ailorra Nowell, HCA/NMRTC Bethesda; LT Ross Vollstedt, HCA/NMRTC Bethesda; LTJG German Damandaman, Medical Laboratory Scientist/WRNMMC; and LT Jae Wah, HCA/WRNMMC. Second Row (L-R): CAPT Dave Lang, HCA/DFA WRNMMC; LT Michelle Wallace, Medical Laboratory Scientist/ASBC-NCR; LT Shana Pryor, Clinical Psychology Resident/WRNMMC; LT Anna Gai, Clinical Psychology Resident/WRNMMC; LT Brandon Hassett, Microbiologist/WRNMMC; LT Reiner Cubelo, Medical Laboratory Scientist/WRNMMC; ENS Xavious Castro, Medical Laboratory Scientist/WRNMMC; and LT Leanne Landry, HCA/WFCC WRNMMC. Third Row (L-R): LCDR Keith Laffman, HCA/Deputy DRM WRNMMC; LCDR Rodney Noah, HCA/NMLPDC; CDR Jeff Delzer, RHO/OIC Naval Dosimetry Center; LCDR Andrew Benson, PharmD/Deputy DFA WRNMMC; and LCDR Jacob Hesse, HCA/DRM WRNMMC. Fourth Row (L-R): LCDR Lucas Ricker HCA/NMLPDC; LCDR Joseph Labarbera, HCA/DFA NMLPDC; and LT John Price, HCA/Logistics WRNMMC



Lakehurst, N.J. Pictured left: NMRLC Executive Officer, CDR Christopher Barnes (second from left), USN, MSC, served as the commissioning officer for LS1(SW/AW) Eric Fotso (second from right), to LTJG on 16 December 2022. LTJG Fotso is stationed at Fleet Readiness Center Aviation Support Detachment Joint Base McGuire, Fort Dix. Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst is a military facility located 18 miles southeast of Trenton, N.J. The base is the only tri-service base in the Department of Defense and includes units from all six armed forces branches. CDR Barnes, a former enlisted Sailor, also received his commission as an Ensign in 2002 via the Medical Service Corps In-service Procurement Program. Congratulations to both LTJG Fotso and CDR Barnes in their participation in this time-honored tradition.

Yokota Air Base, Tokyo, Japan. MSCs, both active duty and retired, from Naval Medical Forces Pacific, III MEF, EMF Alpha, NMRTC Camp Pendleton, and NEMTI at Camp Foster in Okinawa, Japan, support Keen Sword 2023 (KS23). KS23 is designed to enhance Japan-U.S. combat readiness and interoperability while strengthening bilateral relationships and demonstrating U.S. resolve to support the security interests of allies and partners in the region. Top Photo, Back Row (L-R): CAPT Joey Piansay, POMI; CAPT Darryl Arfsten, POMI; LCDR Noah Apusen, POMI; CDR Kevin Bailey, POMI, LT Derek Witkowski, POMI; LTJG John-Ross McCarthy, HCA; LT Richard King, POMI; LT Owen Pitrone, POMI; LCDR Robert Murray, POMI; LT Edward Ronquillo, Med Tech; CDR Ramaud Love, Medical Logistics; LCDR Hunter Coates, HIT; and CAPT Elizabeth Smith, POMI. First Row (L-R): LCDR Tim George, HCA; CDR(Ret) Bobbie Turner, POMI; LCDR(Ret) Liliana Flores, POMI; LCDR Jeff Moody, POMI; LT Doudoubite Korabou, HCA; CDR(Ret) Randy Dee, POMI; LCDR(Ret) Alex Taag; LT Nathan Taag, POMI; LCDR Brad Johnson, POMI; LT Clinton Barnes, Pharmacist; and LCDR Karen Maldarelli, HCA. Bottom Photo, Back Row (L-R): CAPT Joey Piansay, POMI; CAPT Darryl Arfsten, POMI; LCDR Noah Apusen, POMI; CDR Kevin Bailey, POMI; LT Derek Witkowski, POMI; LTJG John-Ross McCarthy, HCA; LT Richard King, POMI; LT Owen Pitrone, POMI; LCDR Robert Murray, POMI; and CAPT Elizabeth Smith, POMI. First Row (L-R): LCDR(Ret) Liliana Flores, POMI; LCDR Jeff Moody, POMI; CDR (Ret) Bobbie Turner, POMI; CDR(Ret) Randy Dee, POMI; LCDR(Ret) Alex Taag; LT Nathan Taag, POMI; and LCDR Brad Johnson, POMI.



MSCs IN FOCUS



Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. NEPMU-6 Medical Service Corps officers pay respect at the USS Arizona Memorial on 22 September 2022. Pictured above (L-R): LTJG Jacob Amadin, IHO; LT Stefanie Allan, Audiologist; LT Jason McCain, EHO; LCDR Anthony Allen, IHO; CDR Paula Johnson, Audiologist; CDR Joseph Stastny, IHO; CDR Dean Wagner, AOIC, Microbiologist; LTJG James Talournis, IHO; LT Hilary Williams, EHO; CDR Jinaki Gourdinem, Entomologist; and LT Samuel Kuhr, RHO.



Washington, D.C. Pictured above: LCDR Mindy Paturzzio (left) and LT Courtney Corcoran (right) receive recognition from the outgoing Speaker of the House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi. LCDR Paturzzio and LT Corcoran serve as Pharmacists for the Office of Attending Physician at the U.S. Capitol.

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